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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
SONOITA VALLEY WATER COMPANY FOR  
APPROVAL OF A RATE INCREASE

DOCKET NO. W-20435A-09-0296

**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO SONOITA  
VALLEY WATER COMPANY'S MOTION  
TO CONSOLIDATE**

Arizona Corporation Commission Staff ("Staff") has no objection to Sonoita Valley Water Company's ("Sonoita") Motion to Consolidate Docket No. W-20435A-09-0298, *In the matter of the Application of Sonoita Valley Water Company for approval to incur debt to finance water system improvements*, with Docket No. W-20435A-09-0296, *In the matter of the Application of Sonoita Valley Water Company for approval to increase its rates*. Staff is filing separate Responses in each of these dockets.

The issues involved in these matters are substantially related, and consolidation will not prejudice the rights of the parties. Staff believes that granting this consolidation will aid the Commission in its evaluation of both applications.

For these reasons, Staff does not object to the consolidation of the above-referenced dockets.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2009.

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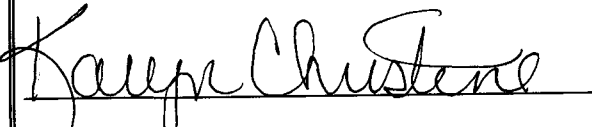
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